

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on May 23, 2016 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Rosiello, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Chairman Callos, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 09, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Boy Scout Christopher Jacobs, Troop #98, was present to be recognized for his accomplishment of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He briefly described his Eagle Scout project. The Trustees presented Christopher with a Certificate of Achievement.

Paul Ruffing, 3973 Grace Avenue; Lori Schafer, 5855 Lawrence Road; and Gary Burns, 6215 Daleview Road were present to discuss the 150th anniversary of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church. Chairman Callos presented a Certificate of Accomplishment recognizing St. Aloysius's 150th Anniversary. The representatives from St. Aloysius presented the Trustees with an Anniversary booklet. Chairman Callos reported that the parish will conclude its 150th year celebration with a mass and dinner on June 19th, 2016.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-A

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve the promotion of Lt. Arlis Boggs to District Chief (Shift Supervisor) with a starting salary of \$27.45 per hour and a start date of May 28, 2016 and the promotion of Lt. Darren Mooney to District Chief (EMS) at a starting salary of \$38.44 per hour and a start date of May 28, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire & EMS Chief Witsken stated the need for the promotions as well as a description of the assessment process, interview process, and selection process.

Chairman Callos thanked all those present for attending the meeting in support of District Chief Arlis Boggs (Shift Supervisor) and District Chief (EMS) Darren Mooney.

Fiscal Officer Thomas J. Straus swore in District Chief (Shift Supervisor) Arlis Boggs and District Chief (EMS) Darren Mooney.

Gwen Mooney and Kathy Boggs were invited up to pin the new District Chiefs with their badges.

District Chief Mooney thanked Chief Witsken, the Board of Trustees, and Administrator Celarek for the opportunity to serve in the new roll. He then introduced his family and friends that were in attendance and thanked them for their support.

District Chief Boggs thanked Chief Witsken, Asst. Chief Souders, District Chief Mark Wagner, Chief Tom Dietz, the Board of Trustees and Administrator Celarek for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. He also thanked Chief Witsken and the Board of Trustees for their support as he attended school over the last seven years. He then introduced his family and friends that were in attendance.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving the hiring of Justin Brehm, Michael Lustenberger and Austin Reinert as Part-Time Firefighters with starting salaries of \$14.07 per hour pay grade FF3 and with a starting date of May 23, 2016 and Tyler Abbatiello with a starting salary of \$15.28 per hour pay grade PM3 and with a starting date of May 23, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire & EMS Chief Witsken presented an overview regarding the need for the additional Part-Time Firefighters.

Fiscal Officer Thomas J. Straus swore in Part-Time Firefighters Justin Brehm, Michael Lustenberger, Austin Reinert and Tyler Abbatiello.

Each Firefighter expressed their thanks and appreciation for the

opportunity to serve as Part-Time Firefighters and introduced their family and friends that were present.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution declaring a Stihl 0-29 chain saw with a serial number of 229821047, a Stihl 0-29 chain saw with a serial number of 229821046 and a Stihl 0-29 chain saw with a serial number of 228866473 as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the surplus property through the Hamilton County On-Line-Auction Service. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that the following two properties have been condemned by the Hamilton County Building Department and Green Township Fire Marshal Rick Bell. Attorney Hyle asked the Board to consider these properties as nuisances and order that each structure be demolished no sooner than 30 days from the date of the Resolution. The property owner will be notified by Certified Mail of this action. The property owner would have 30 days to file notice of Appeal.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution determining nuisance and ordering demolition of structure at 6035 Harrison Avenue. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution determining nuisance and ordering demolition of structure at 6025 Harrison Avenue. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution declaring three computer workstations as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the surplus property through the Hamilton County On-Line Auction Service. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-H

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve the bid of \$863,435.75 from Barry L. Brown Paving LLC for the Harrison Avenue Bike Path (Oakdale Elementary to Lee Ct.). Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-I

The following properties were declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owner of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 3298 Arborview Court (550-0080-0362), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 5414 Karen Avenue (550-0120-0154), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 3812 Ruebel Place (550-0121-0114), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 5558 Silverpoint Drive (550-0081-0215), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
5. 5641 West Fork Road (550-0203-0038), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

The Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from:

- a. Xtreme laser Tag 2 LLC, DBA Scallywag Tag, 5055 Glencrossing Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. VFW Post 10380 will have a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Park, 6303 Harrison Avenue.
2. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 1, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 605B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2001-07, Anthony Toth, Applicant and Harrison

Crossing LLC, Owner, 6507 Harrison Avenue, for approval to modify condition #5 of an approved resolution to include one business identification sign not to exceed 24 sq. ft. in size and maximum of 6.5 ft. in height located in the vicinity of the northern entrance.

Development Director Goetzman stated that this case is the reconsideration of an approval condition in original zoning case. The process was initiated several months ago by the property owner and brought to the Green Township Board of Trustees review and endorsement. After the Township endorsed a modification recommendation, it was then forwarded to the Hamilton County Commissioners for their consideration.

3. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on June 8, 2016 at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street to hear the following cases:

- a. Case Green #CUGT 2016-03, Leisgang Services LLC, Applicant, and Archbishop of Cincinnati, Owner, 5222 North Bend Road, for a Conditional Use change for the installation of dugouts on two baseball fields.

Development Director Goetzman stated that case #CUGT 2016-03 and case #ZVGT 2016-05 are both in each instance the institutional use permitted in Residential Districts as a Conditional Use, subject to specific standards of approval and review, which means that any physical changes to the site that requires either a zoning compliance certificate or building permit, must be submitted to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for prior approval.

For case CUGT 2016-03, Mr. Goetzman made a brief presentation outlining the case. The request is for two sets of baseball dugouts, requiring the issuance of a building permit. The dugouts will be constructed on fields #4 and #5 behind St. Ignatius School. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval as submitted.

Chairman Callos asked if it is likely that they will want to put dugouts on the other existing fields. Development Director Goetzman stated that he does not foresee the need for more dugouts. The two fields proposed are their highest use fields because they are closest to the parking lot.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-J

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving Case Green #CUGT 2016-03 to the Hamilton County Board of Appeals as submitted. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

- b. Case Green #ZVGT 2016-04, Eric Lindholm, Neyer Properties, Applicant, and John and Elizabeth Baynum, Owners, 4081 Lee Court, for approval to install an 8 foot privacy fence that will be 140 feet in length.

Development Director Goetzman stated that this is an application that is being put forward to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals by Neyer Properties. Neyer, the developer of the Harrison Greene shopping center is working in conjunction with the residential property owner adjacent to the Lee Court driveway entrance to the shopping center to provide additional screening in the form of an eight foot high privacy fence. The property owners (Baynum) have expressed concerns that the landscaping installed next to the driveway did not provide an adequate buffer. Through negotiations it has been decided to place a fence on the Baynum's property. Mr. Goetzman noted that the fence would be permitted on the property owned by Neyer, but since it will be installed on the residential lot it requires a variance. Zoning would only allow up to a 4 ft. high open fence on the side and front yard of the property. In this case they are requesting 8 ft. high privacy fencing installed the length of the property. Mr. Goetzman indicated that in conversations with Trustee Callos it was concluded that additional fencing on the rear property line might be warranted in the future, recommending extending approval to include the back of the property line in case the owner ever wishes to install fence along the rear of the property. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval as submitted subject to one condition.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-K

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving Case Green #ZVGT 2016 - 04 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following condition: 1.) That in addition to the requested fencing in the front and side yards, fencing also be permitted along the rear property line. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes;

Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

- c. Case Green #CUGT 2016-05, LaSalle High School, Applicant, and Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Owner, 3091 North Bend Road, for approval to replace the existing scoreboard with a new scoreboard that is over 700 sq. ft. in size and more than 30 ft. tall, install a new football scoreboard, replace an existing building mounted sign with a new 4 ft. by 10 ft. building mounted sign on the northeast corner of the main building.

Development Director Goetzman stated that this is a Conditional Use, which means that any change to a Conditional Use existing in a Residential District that requires a Building Compliance Certificate or a Zoning Compliance Certificate must be approved by the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals. The proposal is for signage upgrades on the LaSalle High School property. The proposal is for three signs. A baseball scoreboard; a new scoreboard mounted to the back of an athletic building; and a new building sign mounted on the actual LaSalle High School building. The largest would be the baseball field scoreboard, which is replacing an existing scoreboard. The scoreboard will be more than 100 ft. from any residential property line and will contain the LaSalle logo as well as some additional booster advertising. The scoreboard for the football field is proposed as it currently exists, in the same location on the back of the equipment building. The baseball field scoreboard will be moved further away from residential properties, and will be slightly larger. The building sign would be a new LaSalle branding that would be on the right hand side of the front of the building.

Dan Flynn, Athletic Director, LaSalle High School, 3091 North Bend Road, addressed the Board in regards to the proposed signage upgrades. The signage for the baseball field will be replacing a twenty year old scoreboard. The new scoreboard will have LED lighting and some sponsor information. They are also requesting replacement of a 26 year old scoreboard on the back of the LaSalle building with one similar in size. LaSalle is also requesting replacement of the sign on the front of the building which was installed in 1960 when the building was originally constructed. Installation of the baseball field scoreboard would likely occur in late summer, 2016.

Development Director recommended approval with conditions.

Trustee Linnenberg asked why the Board denied the proposed signage at St. Ignatius. Development Director Goetzman stated that the signage at that location would have included advertising that faced I-74.

RESOLUTION #16-0523-L

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving Case Green #ZVGT 2016 - 05 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals as submitted subject to the following conditions; that except for the specific scoreboard functions there shall be no internal illumination of the proposed signs. That the baseball scoreboard be installed per the plans submitted in the location indicated on the site plan, no closer than 122 ft. for any property line. That the football scoreboard and surrounding advertisements signs may be replaced with a similarly sized installation provided it is located in the same general vicinity of the existing scoreboard. That the wall sign (northwest corner of the building) be no larger than the existing sign with outside dimensions not to exceed 4 ft. by 10 ft. as indicated on the plans.

Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township recently purchased \$1.5 million dollars in Federal Home Loan Bank callable bonds. Those are five year step bonds.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that he had nothing to report.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek reported that last week Delhi Township held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new fire station on Greenwell. Trustee Callos and Administrator Celarek were present for that ceremony. Administrator Celarek announced that the Township has a new Electric Aggregation rate of 5.99 cents per kWh with Dynegy Energy Services. That rate increased from 5.83 cents per kWh because PJM has raised their rates. The new rate will begin in June, 2016 and end in May of 2017. In June, 2017 the rate will change to 5.79 cents per kWh and end in May of 2018.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that the 2016 Street Rehabilitation Projects are on schedule. There are no issues at this time and weather has been cooperative. Director Lambing reminded residents to watch for the new traffic signal at the intersection at Race Road and West Fork.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that last week was National Emergency Medical Services Week, which dates back 43 years to when Gerald R. Ford established that week to recognize a new profession. The concept of EMT Certification was brand new in 1973. Paramedics were just getting started, and EMS was a new concept in the County. EMS is now a vital public service that is provided in virtually every community across the Country. Chief Witsken presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the history of the Mack Volunteer Fire Department EMS vehicles and the Green Township Fire and EMS Department ambulances.

Lt. Jim Vetter, reporting in the absence of Police Chief, Bart West, stated that he had nothing to report.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, stated that he had nothing to report.

Chairman Callos stated that he has been notified by Administrator Celarek that he will be retiring on September 1, 2016. Administrator Celarek has served Green Township for nearly 15 years. Chairman Callos stated that Administrator Celarek has worked in various capacities in public administration for the past 40 years. Administrator Celarek supervised with the greatest integrity and has always been the utmost professional. Administrator Celarek has witnessed the expansion of both the Police and Fire Departments; the construction of two new fire stations; Bicentennial Park; along with the continued improvement of other parks and the Nathanael Greene Lodge. Administrator Celarek has been a great friend and has always had the best interest of residents, staff, the Board, and the Fiscal Officer with any decision he has made. Chairman Callos stated that the Township will be losing a very valuable asset. Chairman Callos, on behalf of the Board, wished Administrator Celarek the best of luck, the best of health and happiness to him and his family as he enters the next chapter of his life. Chairman Callos stated that it has been a true honor to serve with Administrator Celarek and stated that he believes that he is the best Administrator in Southwest, Ohio. He stated that Administrator Celarek has done so very much for the staff as well as the Green Township community of over 60,000 residents.

Administrator Celarek stated that it has been his honor and privilege to serve Green Township, its Trustees, Department Heads, and residents. Administrator Celarek stated that he has appreciated this job greatly. Administrator Celarek introduced his wife of 31 years, Shannon Celarek, their daughter, Abby Celarek, and his longtime friend John Gillespie who were present at the meeting. Administrator Celarek stated that he feels this is the right time for him to move on. He further stated that Green Township is one of the best Townships in the State of Ohio and has always understood that the goal of the Trustees and Department Heads is to make this Township the best Township in the State of Ohio. Administrator Celarek stated that the time is right for a younger person to take over the helm and lead Green Township into the future. Administrator Celarek stated that this has been the most rewarding job of his career and it has fulfilled his life purpose. Working with the Trustees on serious decisions like Mercy Hospital, million dollar road projects, salaries and health insurance issues for Township employees have all been critical decision for the Township and its residents. Administrator Celarek thanked former Trustees Rocky Boiman, Tracy Winkler, and Tony Upton for their support. He also thanked the current Board and stated that they are the best team of elected officials in Hamilton County. Administrator Celarek stated that he has been proud to serve the Board, Fiscal Officer, Township Attorney, and the residents of Green Township. Administrator Celarek stated that the Department Heads are some of the best Department Heads in Southwestern Ohio. He stated that Bart West, Doug Witsken, Joe Lambing, Adam Goetzman, and Linda Griswold work very hard and they are extremely dedicated to serving Green Township. Administrator Celarek stated that Green Township is definitely on its way to becoming the best Township in the State of Ohio and he greatly appreciated the honor to be Administrator of Green Township.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that it has been an honor to have worked with Administrator Celarek for the last eight years and he will be sorry to see him go.

Trustee Rosiello stated that he has worked with Administrator Celarek for the past five years and has developed a friendship as well as a good

working relationship. Trustee Rosiello stated that he has always taken seriously his counsel and thanked Administrator Celarek for guiding a very professional staff. Trustee Rosiello stated that the measure of a man of a public servant encompasses a lot of things. He credited Administrator Celarek's upbringing in Fort Wayne, his Butler University roots, his family, and all of his family here in Green Township that has not only made him a better person but has made all of us better people. Trustee Rosiello stated that he has been proud to work with him and wished him all the best in his future.

Fiscal Officer Straus asked Administrator Celarek who the Board members were when he was hired 15 years ago. Administrator Celarek stated that the Board consisted of Paul Rattermann, Tony Upton, and Steve Grote.

Chairman Callos thanked Administrator Celarek from the bottom of his heart and on behalf of the Board of Trustees for everything he has done to lead this Township. He stated that he will be sorely missed, but he will leave this Township a better place than it was when he started. That's what all the great leaders do and he has been a true friend to everyone who has served on the Board.

Chairman Callos announced that applications for the position of Green Township Administrator will be accepted through June 27, 2016. Interested parties may obtain an application package by contacting Jennifer Triantafilou at #513-574-4848 or by downloading the application packet on the Green Township website at www.greentwp.org

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Callos moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Callos: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST: